

## **Abstract**

### **The Issue of Professional Players' Contracts in Football**

This thesis, systematically divided into five chapters, defines several core issues of the professional football players' contracts. The thesis analyzes sports contracts in professional football and emphasizes the need for expert approach in this area in particular chapters with regard to a significant economic effect that sports contracts - professional player's contracts in football – represent.

The chapters of the thesis deal with the issue at first in general by the definition of sport and sports activities and further namely with the reference to the professional player's contracts in football.

The first chapter is devoted to the definition of sport and sports activity and various specific features as well as an assessment of the sports law as a new law field that is represented by the intersection of several other law fields. This chapter also describes mutual interactions of legal provisions and sports regulations at national and international level.

The second chapter deals with the issue of sports activities in the European Union with regard to the principle of the specificity of sport as a leading principle that constitutes the relative exclusion of sports activities from the application of primary and secondary law of the European Union. In this context, the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union is further analyzed.

The third chapter of the thesis covers the issue of professional football players' contracts in the Czech Republic with reference to sports regulations that reasonably affects the content of the contracts. Further, often used contract requirements are described. The next chapter using comparative method analyzes the status of professional football players in the Czech Republic with various approaches that enable a different perspective on the work of professional football players. By this method particularities of sports activities within the labor law are measured.

In the fifth and the final chapter, a basic analysis of the system of arbitration bodies at national and international level is specified with introduction of specific

decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber.